Sorensen Backs Jackie on Book

Durham, N.C., Jan. 7 (AP)—Theodore C. Sorensen, former aide and close friend of President Kennedy, says Jacqueline Kennedy has strong grounds for court action in the controversy over publication of "The Death of a President." But he expressed hope the issue will be settled without a trial.

Sorensen is a member of the law firm representing Mrs. Kennedy in a dispute with author William Manchester and the publishing firm of Harper & Row.

"I'm biased and reticent on the subject," Sorensen said here. He said he has not read the book, which deals with the Kennedy assassination.